

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the required reference to the parent application, for which benefit is claimed, of this new continuing application. The specification has also been amended to refer to the foreign application to which the parent claims the right of priority. Both the parent application and the foreign application are incorporated by reference into this new continuing application.

The remaining amendments to the specification do not add new matter. The amendments correct a number of typographical errors and an erroneous omission.

Specifically, the amendment to the title adds an “s” to the end of the word “microparticle.”

With respect to the term “suspension,” the amendments replace “0.1 cm/s or smaller” with “0.8 cm/s or smaller;” and replace “80 seconds or more” with “10 seconds or more.” Similarly, with respect to the term “particle-solvent mixture system,” the amendments replace “a sedimentation velocity larger than 0.1 cm/s” with “a sedimentation velocity of 0.8 cm/s or smaller;” and replace “less than 80 seconds” with “10 seconds or more.”

The corrected values for the “suspension” and the “particle-solvent mixture system” find support throughout the specification. For example, the specification teaches these values for suspensions or particle-solvent mixture systems on page 17, line 9 through page 18, line 20. Specifically, the “0.8 cm/s or less” value appears at page 18, lines 14-15; while “10 seconds or more” finds support at page 17, lines 15-16 (providing “10 seconds or longer”); and at page 18, lines 2 and 19 (same). Further, the

specification teaches a sedimentation value of “0.8 cm/s or less” for either a suspension or particle-solvent mixture system at page 19, line 23; page 20, lines 6-8; page 25, lines 27-30; page 27, lines 26-30 to page 28, line 1 (providing “Sedimentation velocity was 0.8 cm/s or lower for all of these suspensions and particle-solvent mixture systems”); page 29; lines 6-10; page 30, lines 7-11; and page 31, lines 26-27. These repeated instances of “0.8 cm/s or less,” and “10 seconds or longer” with respect to suspensions and/or particle-solvent mixture systems, with no further mention of “0.1 cm/s” nor “80 seconds,” indicate that the values originally provided on page 6 were indeed typographical errors.

Further, the amendment of the description of Figure 1 on page 5 corrects a typographical omission. Specifically, “bone density” on line 21 of page 5 now reads “bone mineral density,” conforming with the legend of Figure 1 itself. “Bone mineral density” also finds support at page 32, lines 26-27 and line 30; and at page 33, line 8. These repeated instances of “bone mineral density” indicate that the original recitation of “bone density” on page 5 erroneously omitted the term “mineral.”

Applicants have amended claims 1-8 and added new claims 9-17. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter. Specifically, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2, without prejudice or disclaimer, to recite “having a sedimentation velocity of 0.8 cm/s or lower.” Applicants have amended claims 1-6 to remove “consisting” language and add “comprising” language. Applicants have amended claims 7 and 8 to correct improper grammar.

Applicants have also amended claims 4-7 and added new claims 9-17 to remove improper multiple dependency. The amendments to claims 1-2 and new claims 9-17 find support in the specification as follows:

Claim	Support
1, 2	e.g., page 20, line 8, and pages 24-30, Examples 1 -5
9	original claim 4
10, 11	original claim 5
12, 13	original claim 6
14-17	original claim 7

Accordingly, no new matter is added by the amendments to the specification and claims. Applicants thus respectfully request entry of these amendments.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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